

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

Minutes of July 27, 2023 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Vacant
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Catherine LaMarr
Mario Ricozzi

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Elizabeth Calo
Dennis Donovan
Jim Hill
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Premjith Lakshman Singh

Counsel

Bruce McDermott, Murtha Cullina

Absent

Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
North Branford	Peter DeSantis

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Safety Moment

Chair Harvey reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Public Comment

Chair Harvey offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Clifford, the RPB approved the minutes of its June 22, 2023 meeting as distributed, with 71 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Abstain	Seymour (1)	Abstain
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Abstain

Communications

Chair Harvey:

- Reported on the process for the appointment of Authority member. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the Nominating Committee for Authority member should contact the board office.
- Stated that statutory committee assignments for 2023-2024 are established and a list was distributed. RPB statutory committee chair assignments have also been made.
- Noted that a copy of the Quarterly RPB Dashboard was included in member meeting packets.

Item for Consideration and Action

Mr. Betkoski moved for approval of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on June 22, 2023, filed two Applications with the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for the dispositions of:

1. 17.22 acres located west of Beech Street in North Branford; and
2. 19.462 acres located north of Poms Lane in North Branford (the “Applications”);
and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Applications and recommended that the Applications be accepted by the RPB as complete; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee recommended that the public hearings be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee proposed public hearing dates of September 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB accepts the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to consider the Authority’s Applications and determined to hold public hearings, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on September 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended

Mr. Malloy seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 71 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye

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Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Abstain	Seymour (1)	Abstain
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Abstain

Chair Harvey stated that Mr. Havrda (Guilford) would act as presiding member at the public hearing.

Mr. Eitzer moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board, with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Application for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project, dated April 28, 2023, which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 50 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Nay	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Abstain*	Seymour (1)	Abstain*
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Nay
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Nay
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Abstain*

*Present but could not vote due to technical issues.

At 7:03 p.m., the RPB meeting recessed and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

On motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Malloy, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2023-second quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 73 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Abstain	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, former Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month and received the year-end financial results from management and the committee selected a new chair for 2023-2024. He recognized long-time committee member Mr. Havrda and thanked him for his service while on the committee.

The next meeting is on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month at the Northford Playground in North Branford to receive an update on Big Gulph recreation activities. The committee also considered and recommended the two North Branford disposition

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applications approved for a public hearing by the board this evening. Management reviewed land updates and he was re-elected committee chair for another year.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, former Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met last month and elected Mark Levine as the new Committee chair. The Committee also received a cybersecurity update from management, which was discussed in executive session. Atty. Donofrio reported that the OCA’s interrogatories for the Authority’s Application for Target Two were submitted and he also reviewed the two North Branford land disposition applications. The OCA reported no pending consumer issues.

The next meeting is on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority Meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority met as the Pension & Benefit Committee and the Compensation Committee. Mr. Borowy also reported that Authority committee chair assignments were made for the upcoming year and Ms. LaMarr will continue to chair the Audit-Risk Committee and replace Ms. Sack as chair of the Pension & Benefit Committee, Mr. Curseaden will continue to chair the Commercial Business Committee and replace Mr. Borowy as chair of the Compensation Committee, which has been expanded to include human resource responsibilities, Mr. Riconzi will chair the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee, and Ms. Sack will chair the Strategic Planning Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, future Chair of the Pension & Benefit Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the day and received a quarterly investment performance for the period ended June 30, 2023 from Morgan Stanley, the Investment Advisor for the Voluntary Employees’ Beneficiary Association and pension plans. The committee also received an annual update of the RWA’s 401K Plan and the committee considered an issuance of a Request for Proposal or Request for Information for the investment advisor. The committee also recommended amendments to the RWA’s 401k Plan associated with a pending acquisition.

Mr. Borowy reported on the Compensation Committee meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met to review the Chief Executive Officer’s (“CEO”) fiscal 2023 Strategic Priorities, as well as discuss the CEO’s and Leadership Team performance.

On behalf of the Leadership Team, Mr. Bingaman thanked the boards for the continued support.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and CEO, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended June 30, 2023 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2024 is 114%, with no shortfall. However, the RWA continues to monitor the overall economic environment and customers’ ability to pay.

He also reported that as of July 17, 2023 reservoir levels are at 96%, compared to the long-term average of 85%.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, OCA, who had nothing to report.

Chair Harvey noted that RPB members interested in the Authority member position effective January 1, 2024, should notify him or the board office no later than August 1, 2023.

He also stated that the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for October. Any members wishing to hold a special meeting prior to October should contact the board office.

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At 8:21 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Eitzer, and unanimously adopted with 73 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Abstain	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

Attachment:

1. Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Representative Policy Board for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project.